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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 1st/January, through Sunday, 8th/January there were 210 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE0Z, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, E4, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PY, PZ, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T32, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

2005 DX SOUND CLIPS

Tom, K8CX, informs OPDX that there are 120 DX sound clips from the year 2005 available on the K8CX Ham Gallery Web page at:

http://hamgallery.com/dx2005/

3Y0X NEWS

The 3Y0X DXpedition team's co-leader Bob, K4UEE, informed OPDX that there is a nifty article in the Orlando Sentinel about the upcoming Peter I DXpedition. Please visit the following link at:

http://www.orlandosentinel.com/entertainment/orl-antarctic06jan04,0,2212372.story

Please also visit

www.peterone.com

often to see updates and to please consider a financial contribution toward the teams expenses. Bob hopes to have another press release out by Monday, January 9th.

PRESENTATION AVAILABLE. Bob Schenck, N2OO/9M6OO, informs OPDX that back in late November, while at the Asia-Pacific DX Convention in Japan, Bob Allphin, K4UEE, gave a presentation on the planning of the upcoming Peter One - 3Y0X DXpedition. This presentation, video by Mac, JA3USA, can be viewed on the Peter One Web site [www.peterone.com] via streaming video. While this is perfectly adequate for personal viewing, Bob thought it would be nice to get a better quality DVD of this presentation and make it available for amateur radio club meeting programs. With K4UEE's permission, JA3USA's assistance, and SJDXA's help with copying them, Bob has put together a limited number of DVD copies available for CLUB meeting program use. If there are any clubs interested in getting a copy of this DVD, please drop an E-mail to him at: **n2oo@arrl.net** There will be a modest charge to help cover postage and expenses. Please, this is for clubs only. Individuals can view this video on the Peter One Web site.

5W, SAMOA

Operators Ted/K8AQM, Jeff/N8CC, Brian/KG8CO, Kirk/JF3MYU and possibly others will be active here between July 28th and August 10th. Their activity will be all bands but with an emphasis on 160-30 meters. Modes will be CW, SSB, Digital and maybe satellite. QSL via the operator's instructions at this point. More details are forthcoming.

ANTARCTICA NEWS

3RD AAW NEWS. Francois, F8DVD, informs OPDX that 11 French stations will be active in this year's 3rd Antarctic Activity Week (AAW) to take place February 20-26th. Look for the following 11 French stations with commerative callsigns to be on the air between February 13-26th:

WAP Ref.	Sp. Callsign and Operator
WAP-037	TM1ANT operated by F5SIH
WAP-040	TM2ANT operated by F4DNW
WAP-038	TM3TAF operated by F5PFP
WAP-041	TM4ANT operated by F6BFH
WAP-029	TM5ANT operated by F5NOD
WAP-031	TM6ANT operated by F6ELE
WAP-034	TM7ANT operated by F6CKH
WAP-014	TM8ANT operated by F8DVD
WAP-039	TM9ANT operated by F5PAC
WAP-008	TM0ANT operated by F6KDF
WAP-026	TO2ANT operated by F6HMJ from Guadeloupe Island.

For QSL, via their home callsigns or per operator's intructions. To obtain all informations about the AAW event, visit the following Web page at:

http://www.ddxc.net/wap

CQ NEWS (K9EL to Direct "CQ DX Marathon")

The following are excerpts from a press release sent out by Rich Moseson, W2VU, Editor, CQ Amateur Radio:

> JOHN SWEENEY, K9EL, TO DIRECT "CQ DX MARATHON" (Hicksville, New York - January 5, 2006) - CQ magazine Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, today announced the appointment of John Sweeney, K9EL, of Schaumburg, Illinois, as Manager of the new CQ DX Marathon program. The Marathon is part of CQ's three- pronged "Waking Up DXing" program announced in the magazine last year. The year-long DXing competition began on January 1.
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> John is an accomplished DXer, with some 30 years of experience both in chasing DX and being DX, operating from a variety of rare locations during the course of a nearly 30-year career with Motorola. He is now a tele- communications consultant. He has worked more than 300 countries on each of the major HF ham bands except 80 and 160 meters, and he's closing in on 80, with 280 confirmed. He needs only North Korea on CW to have "worked them all" on both phone and CW.
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> "We are very pleased to have K9EL at the helm of the Marathon program," said Moseson, "and we are very confident that he will get it off to a solid start, both in terms of logistics and promotion."
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> "I am very excited to have the opportunity to participate in this program and I look forward to working with the DX community," added Sweeney. "CQ has given me so much over the years. Here is my chance to give something back."
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> The CQ DX Marathon is a cross between an award and a contest. It runs for a full year at a time, with competitors trying to contact as many countries and CQ zones as possible within the year. There are no carryovers from year to year, however, and everyone starts fresh each New Year's Day.
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> The original CQ DX Marathon was run in 1947, as an effort to promote DXing activity as ham radio came back to life after World War II. After one year, the program "morphed" into the highly successful CQ World Wide DX Contest. The decision to bring it back was part of a three-pronged response by CQ to perceptions that DXing activity outside of contests was dropping off. The other two new programs are the CQ DX Field Award and the CQ iDX Award. Information on all three programs is available on the CQ website at:
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> **http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com**

CT3, MADEIRA ISLANDS

Look for Herm/CT3FN and Rudi/CT3/HB9CQL to be active January 20th through February 1st. Activity will be on all bands and modes. On January 21st and 22nd, Herm will operate as CT3FN/p from inside the Sao Jorge/Rosais lighthouse located on the north coast of Madeira

Island (ARLHS MAD-008, also counts for WLOTA LH-0053). QSL via their home callsigns, direct or by the bureau.

ED8, CANARY ISLANDS (Castle Activity)

Several members of The Canary Islands DX Society (CIDXS) will be active from San Francisco's castle (Castillo de San Francisco) on January 22nd. Activity will be on 80-10 meters on SSB, and a little of RTTY and PSK 31 modes. The castle has the following references numbers:

DCE:	**CGC 015**	**D.I.E.:**	**S005**
DMHE:	**MGC 203**	**DME:**	**35.016**
IOTA:	**AF004**	**GRID:**	**IL28GC**

Castillo de San Francisco is located in the city of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, capital city of Gran Canaria Island, in the northeast part of the island. This castle is a new reference number for the Spanish Castles Award (DCE) and the Spanish Monuments Historic Award (DMHE). QSLs will will automatically be sent via the Bureau, and it is not necessary to send your QSL card. QSL Manager is Edu, EC8AUA. For more information, please visit the following Web page at:

http://www.qrz.com/ed8csf

FK8, NEW CALEDONIA

Tibo, FK8HW, is reportedly back in New Caledonia. He has been working stations mainly on SSB on several different 20 meters frequncies. Activity seems to take place between 0700-1200z. QSL via VK4FW: Bill Horner, PO Box 612, Childers, 4660, Australia.

FM/TO9, MARTINIQUE

Operators John/K3TEJ and John/K3CT will be active from February 12-20th, using the callsigns FM/K3TEJ and FM/K3CT. QSL to their home callsigns. They will also be active in the ARRL CW DX Contest (February 18-19th) as a Multi-2 entry using the callsign TO9A. QSL via K3TEJ.

GU0/MU0, GUERNSEY

Operators Paul/F6EXV and Jan/DJ8NK will be active as MU0EXV and GU0VNK, respectively, from Bailiwick, January 20-30th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, CW, SSB and the digital modes. QSL via their home callsigns (QRZ.com addresses). This activity will also count for the Guernsey Island (main) lighthouse (WLOTA LH-0013).

HI9, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Tibor, HA7TM and his XYL will be here between January 18th and February 2nd. Look for Tibor to sign HA7TM/HI9 from HI9CF's QTH at Las Terrenas, Samana, Dominican Republic. He will use an IC-706 w/100 watts into a 7 element Log Periodic Yagi, rotary dipole for 40m, FD4 multiband wire antenna and possibly a dipole for 160m depending on local situation.

IOTA NEWS

AS-018. Look for Ilya, UA0FBS, to be active until January 31st from the City of Poronajsk (RDA SL-07 for the Russian Districts Award), on **Sakhalin Island**, Sakhalinskaya oblast (SL). He will be active everyday between 0500-0700z on 14180 kHz. QSL direct or by the bureau.

AS-046. Laci, HA0HW, reports that a good friend of his, XYK Aniko, HA5TAA, will journey to Kuala Lumpur and to the **Island of Tioman** (**AS-046**) in end of February and the first part of March. No details available yet on whether she will operate from there.

NA-034. Members of the Mid Florida DX Association were expected to activate **Honeymoon Island**, in the Gulf of Mexico, this past Sunday, January 8th. QSL via W2NDP with SASE.

SA-046. Marco, CE6TBN, will be active as CE6TBN/7 from **Las Huichas Island** (DICE ICE-705) from January 14-15th. Activity will be on 40/20 meters CW and SSB. QSL via CE6TBN.

KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY

Jose, N4BAA (KG4SB), and Bill, W4WV (KG4WV), will be heading back to GITMO from January 21-31st. Activity will be on all bands 160-6 meters (including 60m!) and on all modes. During a 2-4 day period, Bill (KG4WV) will activate LIGHTHOUSE GIT-001 as well. Jose will also be active in the CQ 160 Meters CW Contest (January 28-29th). QSL via their home callsigns.

MJ, JERSEY

Bert, PA3GIO, will be active as MJ/PA3GIO/p from Jersey Island (**EU-013**), January 10-15th. There will be limited activity on 160-10 meters SSB only using a Kenwood TS-50S w/100w and 2 x 20M Doublet antenna. QSL via direct (using the QSL info on his Web page) or by the Bureau. For Bureau QSLs, please use the easy QSL request form on his Web site at:

http://www.pa3gio.nl/MJ/

The PA3GIO DXpeditions Web page:

http://www.pa3gio.nl/

NP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Manny, NP2KW, has announced that he will be active in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/ Low-Power entry. He will be portable in a folding camper on the highest peak (1045 ft.) on the island of St. Croix. He will use a FT-847 with a G5RV and 6BTV vertical. QSL via NP2KW. See pictures of last year's operation from the beach at:

http://np2kw.tripod.com/

P4, ARUBA

Look for Bob/W3BTX and Roy/W3TEF to be active as P40/homecall from January 11-18th. Activity will be all bands, but they will concentrate on 30 and 6 meters. QSL via their home callsigns.

PIRATE ALERT

Reports indicate that there are PIRATE activities in Mauritania, possibly around the Paris-Dakar area. QSNs seen on the DX cluster show 5T5T's have been active on CW (40/20 meters) and RTTY (20m) asking to QSL via F5DIF. The F5DIF callsign has never been issued by the French National Frequencies Regulation Authorities. Currently, the only legal licensed "5T" callsigns are:

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Permanent   - 5T5SN/Nicolas and 5T0JL/Jean
Temporary   - 5T0WF until 15th January 2006
Outstanding - 5T5BN/Bernard
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QSL INFO AND NEWS

CY9 QSL MUSEUM. Duane, WV2B, has decided to create an on-line CY9 QSL Museum for expedition QSL cards from St. Paul Island (CY9). He states, "Some (CY9 QSLs) have been published on the internet, but over time seem to disappear." Please look at the Web page at:

http://www.stpaulisland.net/cy9qslmuseum.html

If you have any CY9 cards in your collection that are not listed on the Web page, please scan the QSL and send them to Duane in jpg format; it would be greatly appreciated. Many of his cards and St. Paul items were lost in a recent home fire, so any input is appreciated. Please indicate the year of the DXpedition if it isn't indicated on the scan of the card.

TOP 5 QSL MANAGER SURVEY (Update). John, K1XN, announced that there are only a few days left to submit your choices for the the best QSL Manager for 2005. The nominations will end on the last day of January. John states, "Again this year the response to the survey has been over whelmingly from Hams outside of the USA and CANADA. North America has shown little interest in this award for the Top 5 QSL Managers. Thanks to all that have submitted their choices to the survey." Please send your list of 5 QSL Managers to the following E-mail address and place in "Subject" line "Top 5 Managers". The E-mail address is:

golist@golist.net

For more details, see OPDX.732 or visit the GoList Web page at:

http://golist.net

WF5E DX QSL SERVICE. Les Bannon, WF5E, is forced to raise his rates because the U.S. Postal Service is raising their rates on January 8th. The new rates for his service are: 3 QSLs for 1 USD or 1 IRC, or 15 QSLs for 5 USDs or 5 EURs. More information about the QSL Service can be found on the following Web page at:

http://www.qsl.net/wf5e

Joe, WD0M (ex-WL7M), reports that there is some confusion regarding QSL requests for **WL7M**. Requests for QSLs for WL7M "AFTER" June 18th, 2005, go directly to WL7M: John Pfiefer, ex-KLØWN, Soldotna, Alaska. Requests for QSLs through April 2003 go to WDØM. Joe states, "WL7M was my callsign through April 2003, when I moved to Colorado. I am happy to confirm any QSO before April 2003. I've been receiving QSLs lately that should go to John directly."

T7, SAN MARINO

John, T77CD, has been active on RTTY during some contests. He was heard this past weekend during the ARRL RTTY ROUND-UP on 80/40/20/15 meters. Look for him to be active again during the CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest (February 11-12th). QSL via I0MWI direct only.

TA0, TURKEY

Urcun, TA0U, will be active in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th) as Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. QSL via TA2KK.

TDXS 2006 OFFICERS

The Texas DX Society is pleased to announce its officers for the year 2006.

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President:            Mike Davidson - N5MT
VP Programs:          Arthur Alvarez - N5KTN
VP Membership:        Steve Smothers - W9DX
Secretary/Treasurer:  Bill Frink - K5WAF
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V3, BELIZE

Remember to look for Art, NN7A, to operate as V31JZ/p from South Water Caye, Belize (IOTA **NA-180**), January 11-15th. This will be a one-person operation with 100 watts, and a vertical and wire antennas. Operations will be CW on 40-10 meters including the WARC bands; some 80m and 160m. There will be some possible SSB activity on the 20/15 meters IOTA frequencies if conditions permit. IOTA **NA-180** was opened as a new IOTA by Art and Mike Sharp, NG7S / V31RL, in February 1993. This will be Art's 6th operation from South Water Caye, and his 12th trip to Belize since 1988. QSL via NN7A, by the bureau or direct to: Art Phillips, P.O. Box 201, Flagstaff, AZ 86002 USA. There will be no on-line logs, and E-mail contact will not be possible while on the island.

** IMPORTANT NOTICE/REMINDER **

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin now has a new FAX number.
Contributors can now send/fax their DX information to the following number:
1-419-828-7791 (F A X only!)

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR:

If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ",
please send mail to me via " **kb8nw@arrl.net** "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

OPDX INTERNET HELP/SUBSCRIBE/UNSUBSCRIBE REQUEST:

Help: opdx-request@nshore.org Subject:help
Subscribe: opdx-request@nshore.org Subject:subscribe
Unsubscribe: opdx-request@nshore.org Subject:unsubscribe

OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE (k8yse@papays.com):
http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

ALSO VISIT THE NORTERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:
http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html

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- OR -
kb8nw@arrl.net

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Additional Bulletins for OPDX InterNet Subscribers

From: "Mills, Wayne N7NG"
To:
Subject: Young Contesters Make Your Dream Come True!
Date: Fri, 6 Jan 2006 14:51:01 -0500
Message-ID:
MIME-Version: 1.0

- Travel to the World Radiosport Team Championships in Brazil -

Young Contesters make your dreams come true! Travel to the World Radiosport Team Championships (WRTC) in Brazil next July.

The organizers of WRTC - 2006 with generous financial support from the Yasme Foundation, Inc. (www.yasme.org) are seeking Young Contesters to join the World Champs to compete, learn and enjoy the Amateur Radio competition to be held in Florianopolis, Brazil in July 2006.

The application form at www.wrtc2006.com can be used as a guideline to list those occasions on which you have been involved with contest operating. If you are a member of a contest-oriented club, please ask two of their senior members to act as your reference and to explain the

basis for your desire to join us. If you are under 22 years of age and are interested in competing as a team captain, please apply immediately and indicate your willingness to bring your own equipment to Brazil. Other youth up to 30 years of age can apply for operating slot for one of the fifteen (15) international multi-single teams.

Thomas Carlsson, PY2ZXU [thomascarl@gmail.com] and Cesar Rodrigues, PY2YP [py2yp@py2yp.ws] are available to help you with your applications. You should notify them before January 20, 2006 if you are interested in participating.

73,

Atilano Oms, PY5EG
WRTC-2006

Wayne Mills, N7NG
Yasme Foundation

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